

## AWAY FORTY-FOUR YEARS

Would-be Slayer of Joseph Bertie Caught.

BRADY ESCAPES FROM THE COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mysterious Shooting of Martin Van Wicklin On His Sheep Ranch Last Week.

### CALAVERAS COUNTY.

Prospect, San Andreas, March 10, 1900.

Michael Owens, who has long resided near Milton, has had a varied and romantic life, but an incident that happened to him this week, as related by the Stockton Independent, was probably as interesting as any single happy happening of his whole life. Forty-four years ago he left his home in Illinois for Australia, and from that time up to a few months ago no single link bound him to old associations. He had long been given up for dead by his friends and relatives, and he had evidently taken no pains to learn any news of them.

After various wanderings he found himself located at his present home, and as the years crept upon him there came a desire to know the fate of his relatives, apparently so long forgotten. He accordingly wrote to the Sheriff of Cook county, Illinois, asking for information regarding his brother. He received a reply that his brother was dead, but that a son survived him, of whom he gave the address. A correspondence sprang up about six months ago between this uncle and nephew who had never seen each other, and as a result the nephew determined to visit the uncle in his California home. He arrived in Milton this week and the meeting between the two can be imagined better than described.

Chronicle, Mokelumne Hill, March 10, 1900.

J. H. Ruhl, a miner employed in the Gwin mine, met with an accident last Monday, and, that he is alive to relate his experience is a miracle. Mr. Ruhl was in one of the levels and was in the act of handling a large timber that had been felled in some way. He lost his balance and fell backward down into a chute. He went down fifty feet, striking a timber in his descent and finally landing on his back at the bottom of the chute. He was severely injured in the small of his back, while he sustained numerous scalp and bodily bruises. Dr. Blaisdell of this place, who was summoned to attend him, reports that no permanent injury will result from the accident.

### TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

Independent, Sonora, March 10, 1900.

The blood-thirsty fiend who so viciously slashed Joe Bertie's throat with a razor, Wednesday morning of last week, at Cherokee, was captured the following Sunday evening and that night.

Ever since receiving notice of the murderous assault, Sheriff Price has worked indefatigably on the case, following clew after clew, and resolved to nail the fugitive at all hazards. He has been posted at intervals along every road in the county, armed with accurate description of the would-be assassin. A little time was all that was necessary, and the hunted man showed up according to the Sheriff's calculations.

At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Sheriff Price received a telephone message from T. H. May of Sugar Pine stating that his man had passed down the road. The officer at once answered to come on to Sonora, via Yankee Hill, and if he came up with the Italian to keep him in sight. Price then saddled his horse and struck out. He passed the Petrone place on Yankee Hill, and three miles beyond saw a man walking rapidly along the road toward him. The fellow wore blue overalls, a coarse blue shirt and a cheap cloth summer hat. He was the person who had been described to him by the Sheriff. Price studied him sufficiently to know that his search had ended. When but a few feet of space separated them, Price jumped from his horse and in a jiffy had the handcuffs on his prisoner. The latter tried to once again to escape, but seeing that he couldn't bluff off and knowing that the game was up, said he would accompany the officer. At first he denied having cut Bertie or ever having been in Cherokee, but eventually confessed that Bertie had befriended him. "What did you try to kill him, for, then asked Price.

"I don't know," was the reply the Sicilian would give. The prisoner said his true name was Phillip Cavallero; that he was 22 years of age. He claimed not to know which direction he had taken after cutting Bertie's throat, as he was a stranger, but said he avoided all roads until he reached a cabin in the mountains near where an old couple lived, and that he made his headquarters there until the day of his arrest, at which time he was heading for Calaveras county.

The aged couple he mentioned were Dwight Wheeler and wife and the cabin he had occupied is situated between their place and Long Barn, about 18 miles east of Sonora.

He refused to answer the attempted murder and robbery, an elaborate account of which appeared in last week's issue of the Independent, and asserts that he knows nothing regarding the whereabouts of his pals.

After getting the handcuffs safely on Cavallero, the Sheriff attached a long rope to them and thus led his prisoner to Columbia. The remainder of the journey to the county seat jail, was made in the back of a Tom May, who arrived in Columbia in time to have his rig transformed into a criminal transport with himself as commander.

Magnet, Jamestown, March 7, 1900.

J. J. Brady, who cut his throat on a Santa Fe train near Daguerre a couple of weeks ago, and was held for safe keeping at the county hospital in San Bernardino, escaped from that institution last week. The Sheriff of San Bernardino was at last accounts hunting diligently for Brady, fearing that he would again attempt suicide.

G. W. Wright, the engineer, returned last Wednesday from Erie, Pa., where he had been on business for the railway company. He is now holding the throttle on the engine that pulls the freight train.

Democratic Banner, Sonora, March 9, 1900.

At 4 o'clock Wednesday morning Henry Slevert, a native of Germany, aged 66, died at his home at Bald Mountain. At ten minutes to 8 o'clock Catherine, his wife, aged 62, followed him in death. The old couple lived

many years in this county and among their acquaintances they were regarded as honest people. Having, years ago, been members of Star Lodge, No. 884, Knights and Ladies of Honor, quite a number of that order turned out on a sort of honor at the funeral yesterday afternoon.

Claude Evans, against whom there was a charge of grand larceny, was discharged from custody, by Justice Geo. A. Richards, Tuesday morning. For some legal reason Sheriff Price was not permitted to testify; neither was Constable Hamill, to whom Evans admitted his guilt. The evidence of them being excluded there were no grounds upon which to hold the accused.

### EL DORADO COUNTY.

Republican, Placerville, March 8, 1900.

While Martin Van Wicklin was herding sheep alone on his own place near Clarksville last Saturday, he was shot through the left arm between the elbow and shoulder by some assailant who was concealed near by. The shot was apparently from a Winchester rifle. The bullet broke the bone in Van Wicklin's arm and it was badly wounded. He nearly died to death before he could reach assistance nearly a mile distant. When he was shot Van Wicklin cried "My God! Why do you shoot me?" He caught a glimpse of a man sneaking away at the time, and he saw fifty yards. People in that vicinity suspect a half-breed Indian named John Craig of having attempted the murder of Van Wicklin. Craig has been in the neighborhood of the place where the shooting fellow, it is claimed, when he is drinking. Recently he has been on a spree during which he amused himself by firing a rifle promiscuously, shooting the lock of a house among other things. Deputy Sheriff How and others went down to Clarksville Monday to arrest Craig, who is said to be concealed in that vicinity.

Thomas Wilson of Nashville has recently been quite violent in his demeanor. He was brought to Placerville by Deputy Sheriff Miller on Monday for examination. Dr. Miller did not feel justified in pronouncing him insane after examination and Wilson was released. He again showed symptoms of insanity, however, and has been committed to the Stockton asylum where he will be taken in a day or two. Wilson is a powerful young fellow about twenty-one years of age, a half-blood Indian.

Jay Blackpole, the mill-man at the Larkin mine, was badly burned last Friday while melting gold in a crucible. He threw in some flux which contained moisture, when it exploded, throwing the hot material into his face and burning his head, his hands, neck and face are burned, but the most serious injury is to one of his eyes and he went to Sacramento to consult an oculist.

Democrat, Placerville, March 10, 1900.

Mrs. Dr. Stanley of Duluth, Minn., a former resident of this county, spent several days in Placerville the first of the week, the guest of Mrs. L. E. Reynolds. Mrs. Stanley was in quest of family documents in proof of her claim to an estate in England recently left by her sister of Justice D. J. Knight of Diamond Springs, who will also come in for a share of the property.

### Your Face

Shows the state of your feelings and the state of your health. Well, your blood makes itself apparent in a pale and sallow complexion, pimples and skin eruptions. If you are feeling weak and worn out and do not have a health appearance you should try Aker's Blood Purifier. It cures all blood diseases, whether cheap varicose veins and so-called blood purifiers fail; knowing this we sell every bottle on a positive guarantee. Sold by A. Goldner, the Druggist.

### Cars Painted in Ten Minutes.

A number of American railways now paint all their cars by machinery, and the apparatus used is very curious and interesting. The paint is first mixed to about the consistency of cream and then poured into a small steel tank connected with a reservoir containing compressed air. When the valve is opened the stuff is forced up into a flexible tube about as big around as a man's thumb, and comes out of a brass nozzle in the form of a fan spray, thin as a knife blade. All the operator has to do is to wave the nozzle to and fro, using it exactly like a brush. The spray at the top is not more than an inch broad, so if he wants a narrow stroke he has merely to bring it near, and vice versa for a wide one. It is claimed that the apparatus deposits a paint film of exactly the same thickness throughout, which is, of course, impossible to do with a brush, and that its work is consequently more durable and a better protection from the weather. Be that as it may, there is no denying its superior speed. The rapidity with which painters using compressed air work is marvelous. They stand on movable platforms, which are pulled forward and back before the cars, and they literally paint them on the run. The time occupied for each averages about fifteen minutes and the men claim that they can even do an entire car in ten at a pinch. American Express.

### What Is Shiloh?

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### He Knew What To Do.

Prince Hohenzollern is a strong advocate of Emperor William's scheme for a great ship canal which will connect the interior of Germany with the ocean. He is a member of the nobles, who oppose the project, the latter said: "Your excellency, you will find the opposition to be a rock in the path of your canal." The prince's eyes twinkled as he retorted: "We'll initiate the Prophet Moses, smite the rock, and then the water will flow."

### America Ahead.

America sells nearly three times as much as she buys; Germany buys over two hundred and fifty millions of dollars' worth more every year than she sells; while Great Britain last year actually bought twice as much as she sold. Argonaut.

"I had dyspepsia for years. No medicine was so effective as Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It gave immediate relief. Two bottles produced marvelous results," writes L. H. Warren, Albany, Wis. It digests what you eat and cannot fail to cure. City Pharmacy.

### The Difference.

Teacher—Can you tell us how the American and French Republic differ from each other?

Little George—The French ain't got no log cabins for their Presidents to be borned in, for their Presidents to be

## TALK OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

Republicans and Democrats for Second Place.

THE REPUBLICANS NAME MANY EXCELLENT MEN

Democrats Will Strive for the Vice-President's Chair and Discuss Probable Candidates.

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AT CALIFORNIA'S UNIVERSITY.

That Great Institution Is Striving to Lead All Others.

University of California, March 7, 1900.—Bernard Moses, Professor of History and Political Economy in the University of California, who has been appointed Philippine Commissioner by President McKinley, will be in California from San Francisco, in company with the four other Commissioners, on April 15th, to stay in the Philippines at least a year. The special subject of Professor Moses' historical researches has been the colonization and development of North and South America. He is generally regarded as the greatest living authority on the subject of American institutions. He talks Spanish fluently and has traveled in the Orient.

President Benjamin Ide Wheeler will report to the Promotion Committee of the University of California, on April 15th, the results of his visit to the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, during the month's journey in the east, from which he returned Monday. The Association of American Universities, organized last week at Chicago, by eleven leading institutions of learning, as the result of a movement inaugurated by the University of California, of which President Eliot of Harvard is President; Francis next week to confer with President and President Haver, of Chicago, Secretary, will hold a second conference next March in Chicago. The migration of graduate students and the requirements for the higher degrees will be discussed.

Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst has promised \$1000 and Mayor Phelan of San Francisco \$250 toward the \$4500 which the Greek Department of the University of California has pledged itself to raise for the American School. Hon. George Fred. Williams, the present Democratic leader in Massachusetts, would be strongly supported for the nomination, if he was disposed to enter the field of candidacy, and his known intimacy with Mr. Bryan would doubtless make such a connection peculiarly welcome on the score of personal relations, but this consideration will hardly be ranged in the balance against the preponderant weight of political action in strengthening the ticket in a doubtful State. For the same reason, Judge Henry C. Caldwell of Arkansas, an otherwise strong favorite from his high position in the federal government, with the federal courts, and his plunk of the Chicago platform, is less likely to be pushed as a candidate.

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Cornelius N. Bliss, ex-Secretary of the House, is regarded as a "no-nominee" rather than an active candidate. The Wimberly faction of the Republican party in Louisiana met February 5th at New Orleans and endorsed Mr. Bliss' candidacy. The Howell-Herwig faction held a convention at Alexandria on February 6th and is understood to favor the nomination of Governor Roosevelt or Lieutenant-Governor Timothy L. Woodruff of New York.

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But none of these New Yorkers mentioned, outside of Governor Roosevelt, has the present prominence in the campaign today of Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff. He has been, for some time, an active, ambitious candidate, relying on his wide-ranging business connections, personal friendships, and political associations to secure for him the nomination. His friends are supporting him in the State delegation. He is a man of great energy and his candidacy has been very strongly endorsed by Hon. Henry C. Payne, Republican National Committeeman for Wisconsin.

Governor James A. Mount, of Indiana, and Governor Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, have also been suggested as strong nominees, and there is some talk of Senator Cushman A. Davis, of Minnesota. Hon. Webster Davis, of Kansas, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Governor Edward Schofield, of Wisconsin, Attorney-General John W. Griggs, Governor William A. Stone, of Pennsylvania, and Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, appeared to be the only candidates thus far presented from the Middle States outside of New York. All these are unquestionably strong in the State, and Elkins and Stone are the only one thus far whose friends are making an active canvass in his behalf.

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It is reported by prominent Populist leaders that their convention will endorse Mr. Bryan's candidacy, and it is asserted by some that the convention will present a candidate for Vice-President with the hope that their nominee may be acceptable to the Democratic National Convention. It is likely that these matters will be virtually decided at the meeting of the Populist National Committee at Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 19th.

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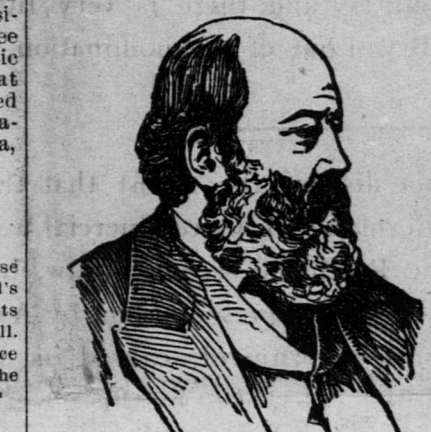
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## PEOPLE OF THE DAY.

The dissatisfaction of the English public with the management of the war in South Africa seems to indicate the early downfall of the Salisbury ministry. The leading Conservative papers are pronounced in their denunciation of the war department. Bal-



LORD SALISBURY.

four is the special object of attack, his confession that the government was not prepared for the war being the culminating cause of popular indignation. Announcement is made that parliament will meet on Jan. 30, and it is freely predicted that it will at once begin an investigation of the war office and colonial office. It is also prophesied that the investigation will simply be the prelude to the overthrow of the Salisbury ministry.

### General Furlong's Charity.

There goes General Charles E. Furlong. He is on his way to the cashier's desk at the Fifth Avenue hotel, where he has lived for the last 15 years. In his hand is a \$10 and a \$5 bill. He changes them for \$1 bill. Then he goes out for a walk down Broadway to the Battery. He keeps his eyes open. He has pity for the weak, and his heart overflows for the poor. There are many such to be found in the streets of this great city. The general stops when he meets with such a case. He cannot be deceived by any plausible "fakir." His experience has given him a valuable knowledge. To each deserving person he gives a \$1 bill. He is wealthy, and it is a pleasure for him to do this.

General Furlong was on General Grant's staff. "I take long walks every day," said the general yesterday, "and they have made me as solid as a rock. I have taken these walks for 15 years, and I love walking better than eating. I never smoked, chewed or drank liquor in my life."—New York World.

### Indiana Boys.

Three young Hoosiers who have come into prominence of late are Booth Tarkington, author of "The Gentleman From Indiana," George Ade, author of "Artie," "Doc Horne" and "Fables in Macdonald," and John T. McCutcheon, the artist and war correspondent, who has done some of the Philippines. All three attended Purdue university at Lafayette and were members of the same college fraternity. Tarkington and McCutcheon are still under 30. Ade is a loyal Hoosier. He finds it to his advantage to live in Chicago, but he is ever ready to glorify his native state. "Indiana is all right," he says. "I'll never go back on or to it."

### The Effect of a Degree.

Miss Beatrice Harraden, who first achieved fame as the author of "Ships That Pass in the Night," and who has recently taken up the cudgels to defend England against the attacks made by Olive Schreiner on its South African policy, was made a B. A. by Bedford College. At a recent college jubilee she amused her old fellow students by her description of the magical effect which the letters B. A. after her name had upon the various editors and publishers.

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### MISCELLANEOUS.

to whom she sent her stories. One of these agrees upon whom she called, upon looking at her card, actually bent so far as to say: "Madam, I see you are a B. A. of London university. Pray take a seat." Even her dear old friend, the late Mrs. Lynn Lintell, in spite of her well known views about women's education and the girl of the period, was taken by the degree and to the end of her life would never call her young comrade anything but "B. A."

### Hardy's Helpful Wife.

Thomas Hardy, author of "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," has found in his wife a literary "helpmeet" almost as gifted as himself. Many of his earlier novels she recompiled and dispatched to the publishers, and there is no novel which does not bear some trace of her literary judgment. Mrs. Hardy keeps constantly in touch with the literature of the day, and her husband vows that she is an encyclopedia in petticoats. She is also a clever artist, and has painted many pictures in illustration of her husband's novels.

### Curbing a Pernicious Habit.

The plan of arresting people who throw bananas skins on the sidewalks and of fining them or sending them to the bridewell is all right as far as it goes, but it does not seem as if the right punishment had been provided. Any one guilty of that offense ought to be sent either to the Detention Hospital for the Insane or to the Home for the Feeble Minded.—Chicago Post.

### English Astronomy.

Much more interest is taken in practical astronomy in England than in America. Astronomical classes are encouraged by the use of the telescope, like that one on the East Heath, London, which is a reflecting telescope of a 10 1/2 inch mirror. The lectures are instructive.

## THE BARBER SHOP BOSS.

"You're next, sir," said the boss barber, indicating a fat man who was buried behind a newspaper. "I'll wait for awhile," replied the fat man. "I'm in no hurry." As another man climbed into the vacant chair the fat man leaned over to another customer who was waiting his turn and confided that he was in a hurry, a deuced hurry, but he would rather lose his turn than be shaved by the proprietor of the shop.

"It isn't that I have any grievance against this particular barber," he went on, "but I shun all boss barbers as I would a plague. In the first place, he patronizes you, and, in the second place, he is invariably the worst barber in the shop. Then, too, it takes him about twice as long. He will lather one side of your face and then go over to the desk to make change for a customer who is going out, for he is generally his own cashier. He considers it his duty to exchange airy persiflage with each customer as he leaves the shop, and by the time he gets back to you your face is caked in cold lather.

"This usually happens four or five times while you are getting shaved, and you may consider yourself lucky if a salesman for a perfume or soap house doesn't come in to talk up his wares. In that event you are bound to be kept waiting for 10 or 15 minutes, and when you are finally shaved your peace of mind is destroyed for the rest of the day. No boss barbers in mine. I know 'em too well, and I wait every time."—Exchange.

### Scored on McCullough.

"The late John McCullough, the tragedian, was a great friend of mine," said Comedian Crane, "and when in this city used always to live at the Gilsey House. One day I went there to call on him, and he, being out, left my card, upon which, underneath my name, by way of a joke, was written 'Seven up player.' The following morning I again left my card for him at his hotel, this time writing below my name 'Seven up player.' When I saw McCullough later in the day, I jollied him with 'That wasn't any I put on my card this morning, was it, John?' And he evidently saw the point, for he didn't reply to my question."—New York Tribune.

### The Best at the Bottom.

Speaking of poison murders, a native of Maine told of a peculiar crime that occurred in his state. This was the case of a man who had tired of his wife, and in order to rid himself of her in the shortest and most expeditious manner possible he determined upon her death. Divorce, while a feasible method, appealed not to his frugal mind, since it involved a large initial expense from counsel fees and a continuous one from alimony.

So on murder he resolved, and as the agent to effect it, and the method through which to introduce the poison into the stomach of his victim without arousing her suspicious the usually innocuous and popular lemonade.

At the trial it was proved that he carried through his plans with skill and finesse, but after the deadly lemonade had been drunk by his too trusting spouse, noticing that some of the precipitate remained in the bottom of the glass, he stirred it well up and again handed it to his victim with a loving smile, at the same time remarking: "But the best's at the bottom, my dear."

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FRIDAY MARCH 16, 1900

SENATOR BARD received his committee assignment last Monday and, considering the fact that he arrived so late in the session, he fared remarkably well. To make room for him Senator Kean withdrew from the Public Lands, Senator Thurston from the Railroads, Senator Wetmore from the Manufacturers', Senator McBride from the select committee to investigate the condition of the Potomac water front at Washington and Senator Foster from the select committee on woman suffrage. Last Tuesday morning Senator Bard and Representative Kahn visited the office of the Geological Survey to induce Professor Newell of the hydrographic bureau to recommend an appropriation of \$20,000 to continue the work already inaugurated in California by that bureau. Professor Newell stated that such amount could be advantageously used and that if he was assured the support of Congress he would make such recommendation. Later, Senator Bard and Representative Kahn visited the Agricultural Department, where Secretary Wilson informed them that he had decided to recommend an appropriation of \$50,000 for the continuation of the work of irrigation in California. Senator Bard is already deep in his labors for California and his ability is highly appreciated by the great statesmen at the head of our nation.

THE Second Bi-Ennial Convention of the California State League of Republican clubs has been officially called to meet at Los Angeles, Friday, April 27, 1900. The League Convention promises to be the largest political gathering ever called together in California, and its deliberations will be watched with intense interest by Republicans all over the Union. Every town in the State should make arrangements to send delegates, and to this end the Republican Clubs should work. They should reorganize and recruit their membership for the larger the club the greater will be the number of its representatives, hence the greater influence of the Republican party. The various transportation lines will make a low rate of fare for the occasion. A Convention Committee of sixty Republicans have been selected by the several party organizations to make the necessary arrangements. The local committee at Los Angeles assures the visitors of a warm welcome and will leave nothing undone for their comfort and entertainment. Now is the time to organize local clubs. Our clubs should not be in a dormant state. Let us, then, "be up and doing."

THE Division of Forestry has decided to investigate early next summer the extreme eastern distribution of the Rocky Mountain trees. The information will be for the benefit of tree planters on the western plains, for the success of planting in those regions must largely depend upon introducing the trees which are naturally adapted to them. Heretofore a large proportion of the trees planted upon the plains have been eastern species, the effort of planters having been gradually to force the eastern species westward. There is reason to believe that a number of Rocky Mountain trees, accustomed to an arid environment, will be apt to succeed better in the more western plains region than the eastern species. This is particularly true of trees which grow naturally on lower elevations and which follow the streams for some distance to the plains. The work will be done largely by collaborators of the Division who are familiar with the region. To each will be assigned a certain area, in which, following the trees eastward, he will study their habits of growth in varying situations.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY's trip to New York, to attend the annual dinner of the Ohio society, from which he returned March 5th, was a pleasant break in a protracted season of very hard work. Mrs. McKinley accompanied him and both expressed themselves as having had a very enjoyable time. The congratulations offered the President on all sides on the able and timely speech he made at the Ohio dinner were received with his usual modesty. That speech answers many of his critics.

LORD ROBERTS, commander-in-chief of the British troops in South Africa, succeeded in entering Bloemfontein and raising the British emblem over the Presidency, the late official residence of President Steyn, who has fled to Kroonstad, last Wednesday, March 14th. All England is highly excited over this triumph, as this movement practically concludes the first half of the campaign, with success to the British.

WHILE in caucus last Tuesday the Republican Senators reached a partial agreement on Porto Rican legislation. Senator Foraker was compelled to be on the floor the greater part of the day to answer the interrogations, and laid great stress upon the effect of the different provisions of the bill. It was intimated that the bill could be amended if not satisfactory and Senators opposed to a tariff on Porto Rican products said there would not be the least objection to passing the bill.

THE most significant feature of the meeting of the Democratic National Committee, in Washington, was the power exercised by Ex-Senator Gorman. It was his influence that knocked out the plan, fathered by Mr. Bryan, of holding the democratic convention in advance of the republican convention, and it was also his influence that caused Kansas City to be chosen for the convention after Milwaukee seemed to have a cinch. Mr. Gorman's powerful and unexpected influence in the committee is not relished by the Bryan worshippers. He has publicly said that he would support Mr. Bryan if he was nominated, but he has not said that he will help get him nominated. Mr. Gorman is one of the slickest and most slippery politicians in the country, and there is very little doubt that he will keep Mr. Bryan out of the nomination, if he can find a way to do it.

SECRETARY HAY will not discuss the report that this Government has threatened Germany with a commercial war, if the Meat bill reported to the Reichstag becomes a law, but from other sources it is learned that representations by Ambassador White to the German government, caused assurances to be given that the features objected to by this government, will not be in the bill when it becomes a law. No uneasiness is felt in Washington. Germany has more to lose than we have by tariff war, and will not be likely to invite one. It is believed that the German Emperor is merely playing a little game of home politics in order to get support for some of his pet schemes, including a large appropriation for the increase of his Navy.

REPRESENTATIVE KETCHAM of New York has presented the report of the House Committee on Military Affairs on the reconstruction of Fort Hamilton, at New York Harbor. It sets forth in detail the importance of this post in protecting New York City. It also shows the necessity of giving it an establishment adequate to man the large guns and the mortar batteries about to be erected there.

ALL the testimony has been taken in the Clark bribery case, and a very disgusting lot of testimony it was, too, almost without exception. March 20 has been set to begin the hearing of arguments, each side to have six hours to speak in and to be allowed to file printed briefs.

## WILL MEET IN TEXAS.

The Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress Prepare for the Session.

The eleventh session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress will be held at Houston, Texas, April 17th to 21st inclusive.

The territory represented in this Congress, includes all the States and Territories lying west of the Mississippi river, and those portions of Minnesota and Louisiana which lie east of it. A section embracing 2,700,000 square miles, and 20,000,000 intelligent people. The world's greatest agricultural, mineral and stock-growing region.

The principal objects of the Congress are to encourage the thorough development of each and every State and Territory represented; to work in harmony for such national legislation as is calculated to promote the interests of the Trans-Mississippi country; to increase reciprocal trade between these States; to discuss matters of special interest, and to decide upon plans which will bring about desired results; to cultivate a better acquaintance between the citizens of the States and Territories interested, and bring about an active hearty co-operation between the Commercial bodies represented.

Considerable entertainment will be provided for the pleasure of the representatives.

## DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

## DEEDS.

Silas Perry et ux to Bank of Amador Co., Lot 4, block 1, Jackson; \$500.00.

Jno. Wilson to Jno. Wilson—Mining property in Amador county; \$10.

Mrs. E. Farnham to P. Ehler—Lot 4, block 3, Plymouth; \$40.

J. Cassella et al to J. Ghidotti—Part of lot 5, block 16, Sutter; \$65.

J. H. Werly et ux to F. M. Whitmore—Land in township 3; \$720.

L. V. Chouleur to Adolph Chouleur—Land in lone Valley; \$100.

T. Thomas to Elizabeth Bastian—Part of lot 14, block 3, Amador City; \$100.

Mary Turner, executrix, to G. B. Viala et al—Lots 4 and 5, block 12, Sutter; \$3825.

## ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT.

H. Osborne to Peerless Gold Mining Co. W. W. Worthing et al to Rhetta Gold Mining Company.

## MORTGAGES.

Jno. Ghidotti to Jno. Cassella—Part of lot 5, block 16, Sutter; \$300.

## SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

Mrs. B. Burke to Chas. Votaw.

Robert Neil to F. Traxler.

B. Steinman et al to J. H. Fawcett.

D. Boro to W. H. Turner.

T. Bernardi to W. H. Turner.

H. Deacon to J. Werly.

## LOCATIONS.

Jas. Hanly on Liberty Quartz Mine.

Jas. Hanly on Independence Quartz Mine.

P. Holtz on Black Hawk Quartz Mine.

## ASSESSMENT WORK.

W. Blue on Champion Quartz Mine.

## PATENT.

U. S. to J. H. Werly.

## MILLINERY! MILLINERY!

A milliner from New York has rented part of the White House store and will soon be able to show the most magnificent line of stylish millinery that was ever kept in a first-class millinery establishment. Grand opening March 15th.

## For Plymouth Taxpayers.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will begin the assessment of property in Plymouth and vicinity on Monday, March 12, 1900.

## JACK MARCHANT,

County Assessor.

## Sick Headaches,

The curse of overworked womankind, are quickly and surely cured by Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great blood-purifier and tissue-builder. Money refunded if not satisfactory. Price, 35c and 50c. For sale by A. Goldner, the Druggist.

Fifty pieces of light figured calico, spring styles, new patterns, at 5 cents per yard, at the White House. 2-16-17

## SUPERIOR COURT.

D. Boro vs Mary A. Turner, executrix—De murrer passed.

A. Ginochio et al vs John Juka et al—Trial continued to April 5th.

Joseph Bernardi vs Annie E. Allen et al—Order extending time to prepare affidavits and proposed statement and bill of exceptions on motion for new trial.

Estate of G. M. L. Mathis—Order confirming sale of real estate.

Estate of Wm. H. Turner—Order confirming sale of real estate and hearing on final account and petition for discharge set for March 23d.

Order approving sale of personal property.

Guardianship of Mathias Giletti, a minor—Resignation of F. Giannini as guardian accepted, and Mrs. Lena Grady appointed as guardian on filing bond of \$1000.

## NEW CASE.

Arlina Watkins (an incompetent person) by her guardian W. E. Strong vs Alice R. Bernardi—Action to set aside a certain decree of foreclosure hereof entered on the ground that at the time the action to foreclose mortgage was brought plaintiff was an incompetent person and therefore was not properly served with summons.

## He Pleases the People.

McMillan makes a fine display at his door of medallions in water colors, Foto jewelry and stamp novelties—all the very latest. He also exhibits some of the very latest oval and long panels in carbon prints. Patrons of his gallery can always be assured of the very latest styles in all branches of the Foto Art.

He would advise mothers to bring their children for Fotos in the morning, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. being the best hours for them. 2-23-17

## The Finest Building Lots.

Remember that W. P. Peek has the finest building lots for sale in Jackson. Terms easy. See display advertisement in this paper. 3-2-17

## Estray Notice.

Taken up at my ranch on the South Fork of Jackson creek, three miles from Jackson, sometime during the fall of 1897, one bay mare, aged about three years. No marks. The owner can have same by proving ownership and paying expenses, including cost of this notice. JOHN RATTO, feb. 16-55

## Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Kay wishes to thank all who in any way assisted her with her musicale given last Saturday evening.

## Taken Up.

One black cow with white spot on face; branded "N. P." or "N. P." can't tell which; no ear marks. The owner can have same by proving ownership and paying expenses, including cost of this notice. Luttrell's Station, Pine Grove. 3-9-1m

To secure the original witch hazel salve, ask for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, well known as a certain cure for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. They are dangerous. City Pharmacy.

## For Rent.

Furnished room. Apply to Mrs. H. Weil. 2-16-17

## M. B. Smith, Butternut, Mich., says.

"De Witt's Little Early Risers are the very best pills I ever used for constiveness, liver and bowel troubles." City Pharmacy.

## BORN.

MATZON—At Drytown, March 12, 1900, to the wife of M. Matzon, a son.

BARBER—At Amador City, Monday, March 12, 1900, to the wife of Louis Barber, a son.

ARNERICH—At Amador City, Saturday, March 10, 1900, to the wife of Vincent Arnerich, a son.

## MARRIED.

BODINAR—MITCHELL—At the residence of Mr. Thomas Lemm, Jackson, Thursday, March 15, 1900, by Rev. F. A. Morrow, Mr. James Bodinnar of Amador City, to Mrs. Thomasine Mitchell, of Jackson.

## DIED.

DRESE—Sutter Creek, March 10, 1900. Squire Drese, aged 73 years, a native of St. Lawrence county, New York.

## THE STATE CONVENTION.

State League Republican Club Begin Active Operations.

HEADQUARTERS STATE LEAGUE REPUBLICAN CLUB, San Francisco, March 10, 1900.

In accordance with a resolution of the Executive Committee, California League of Republican Clubs, the 2d Bi-ennial State Convention of the California League of Republican Clubs is hereby called to meet in the City of Los Angeles on Friday, April 27, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The business before the convention will include the reports of officers and committee, action upon proposed amendments to the constitution, election of delegates and alternates to the National Convention, election of officers, the consideration of matters relating to the welfare of the State League organization and the Republican party, and such other business as may come before the convention.

The apportionment of delegates who will constitute the convention is as follows:

Each Republican Club in California, including those of the American Republican College League, shall be entitled to one delegate at large and one delegate additional for every twenty-five members upon its rolls; organization of Republican Veterans are especially invited to participate. No club shall be entitled to representation in the State League Convention unless it has been organized and in existence at least ten days prior to the date of the convention. No person shall be counted for representation in more than one club. All delegates shall file with the Secretary of the Convention certificates of election signed by the President and Secretary of their clubs.

The ex-officio delegates are President, Secretary and Treasurer of the State League, President and Secretary of each Congressional District League, President of the American College League of California, member of the State League Executive Committee, member of the National League Executive Committee, National Vice President for California, and the President, Secretary and Treasurer of each club entitled to representation.

Each club shall furnish the Secretary of the State League a statement on or before April 20, 1900, attested by the Club Secretary, giving the name of the club and its officers, the names and address of delegates and alternates elected and also the number of members on the roll of the club.

Alternate delegates will be provided seats with their respective delegations.

It is expected that reduced rates will be granted by transportation companies.

The citizens of Los Angeles are making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of delegates and their friends.

The Republicans of California should not underestimate the importance of this meeting. It will be the first political gathering of the approaching campaign in our State, and we should announce to the world that Californians are interested in the great questions now agitating support of the policy of the national administration.

## GEORGE STONE,

President,

JAMES M. OLIVER,

Secretary,

ALBERT LINDLEY,

Assistant Secretary.

Rev. W. E. Sitzer, W. Canton, N. Y., writes, "I had dyspepsia over twenty years, and tried doctors and medicines without benefit. I was persuaded to use Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and it helped me from the start. I believe it to be a panacea for all forms of indigestion." It digests what you eat. City Pharmacy.

## Strictly First-Class Fresh Fish

Can be had every Thursday and Friday at Caminetti's Central Market. 6-2-99

Mokl Tea positively cures sick headache, indigestion and constipation. A delightful herb drink. Removes all eruptions of the skin, producing a perfect complexion, or money refunded; 25 cents and 50 cents. Sold by A. Goldner.

Five thousand spring samples of clothing, the latest patterns, on exhibition at the White House. 2-23-17

Give us daily some GOOD BREAD—Pioneer flour makes the best.

## NEW TODAY.

None

Flour

Mills

Corn, Bran,

Middlings,

Rolled Barley

Mixed Feed

Pine and Redwood Lumber

Dressed and Rough Shingles

Shakes and Laths

Notice of Forfeiture.

To John B. Skinner:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT I have expended at least \$300 (two hundred) in labor and improvements on the following described placer claim: W. P. Peek et al vs W. P. Peek et al, SW 1/4 of section 22, township 7 N., range 12 E., meridian 4 E., Volcano, Mining District, Amador County, State of California, as will appear by certificate filed at the office of the Recorder of Amador County, Jackson, on December 30, 1898, and January 10, 1900, in order to hold same premises under the provisions of section 2834, Revised Statutes of U. S., being the amount required to hold same for the year ending December 31, 1899, and if within ninety days after the publication of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of said expenditure, as co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber under said section 2834.

W. H. WILLIS, Secretary pro tem.

Dated March 15, 1900.

Notice of Hearing of Petition

For Probate of Will.

In the Superior Court of the County of Amador, State of California. In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth J. McWayne, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SATURDAY, the 17th day of March, 1900, at 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day, and the Court-room of said Court House, in the City of Jackson, County of Amador, State of California, has been appointed as the time and place of proving the will of said Elizabeth J. McWayne, deceased, and for hearing the application of Edna M. McWayne, for the issuance to her of letters testamentary thereon.

Witness my hand and seal of said court this 15th day of February, A. D. 1900.

By B. B. BURESS, Deputy Clerk. Clerk.

JOHN F. DAVIS, Attorney for Petitioner.

(SEAL) 3-3-17

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## THE PHILIPPINE WAR.

March 8.—General Joe Wheeler and daughter, Miss Annie Wheeler have returned from the Philippines. Miss Wheeler spent six months in the Manila hospital.

March 9.—Three battalions of sick troops soon to leave Manila. Made up of invalids of regular regiments.—No plan is made to reduce the military force.

March 10.—Filipinos grow bold. Twelve hundred men surround Legaspi and Albay and are commanded by a Chinese Colonel. They make three night attacks.—A request is received from Aparri for re-enforcements.

March 11.—Surgeons say that the climate in the Philippines is very weakening to the men, and advise shorter service.

March 12.—Filipinos of Donsol surrender. Only a few rifles and an old-fashioned cannon captured.

March 13.—Island of Panay overrun by scattered insurgents who burn, rob and kill.

March 14.—Military Governor is appointed for the province of Albay and of various Islands of the group.

Mrs. Harriet Evans, Hinsdale, Ill., writes, "I never fail to relieve my children from cough at once by using One Minute Cough Cure. I would not feel safe without it." Quickly cures coughs, colds, grippe and all throat and lung disease. City Pharmacy.

## Wanted.

A young man to learn the dry goods trade. For particulars call at LEDGER office. 2-23-17

A new line of wall paper, of the latest patterns, can be had at the White House at San Francisco prices. 2-16-17

AT

Peterson's

Shoe Store

You get the best material. The best fit. The lowest price. The finest stock of footwear in the county. Rockbottom figures at all times.

A. F. Peterson.

3-2-17 Webb Building, Jackson.

## LEGAL NOTICES.

## Assessment Notice.

Amelia Gold Mining Company.—Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Amador County, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 14th day of February, 1900, an assessment (No. 4) of Two and One-half Cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable in full to the United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the company, No. 330 Sansome street, Room 4, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid and delinquent on Monday, the 7th day of May, 1900, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors.

WILL A. NEWCOM, Secretary.

Office—No. 330 Sansome street, Room 4, San Francisco, California. 2-16-17

## Assessment Notice.

Location of principal place of business, Jackson, California. Location of works, Amador County, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 5th day of December, 1899, an assessment (No. 5) of one-third of one cent per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the company, Ledger office, Jackson, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid and delinquent on the 14th day of January, 1900, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Monday, the 27th day of January, 1900, at 4 p. m., to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors.

WILL A. NEWCOM, Secretary.

Office: Well & Reno Building, Jackson Cal. December 5, 1899. 12-5-12-31

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jackson Gold Mining and Milling Company, held on Saturday, January 6th, 1900, the date of delinquency of Assessment No. 3 was postponed to Saturday, February 3, 1900, and the day of sale to Saturday, February 24, 1900.

WILL A. NEWCOM, Secretary.

Dated Jackson, January 6, 1900. 1-12-12-31

At a meeting of the Directors of the Jackson Gold Mining and Milling Company, held in the office of the Secretary on February 3, 1900, the date of delinquency of assessment No. 3 was postponed to Tuesday, March 6, 1900, and the day of sale to March 24, 1900.

WILL A. NEWCOM, Secretary.



## MINING AT VOLCANO BRISK

## Amador County Has First-Class Producers.

## THE LIGHTNER MINE WORKING SATISFACTORILY

## The Shaft at the Jumper Mine Down Twelve Hundred Feet—Good Ore at the Ribbon Rock.

## AMADOR COUNTY.

## Grizzly Hill—Volcano.

Operations are still in progress at this mine and the owners are well pleased with the results.

## Crocker &amp; Casey—Volcano.

The Crocker & Casey property is being hydraulicked with two giant nozzles.

## Reward—Volcano.

Active operations at the Reward mine have been suspended. The 10-stamp mill is being used by the Mitchell Company to crush their rock.

## Modoc—Volcano.

There has been a recent change of superintendents at the Modoc mine in Volcano. Work at this mine is progressing satisfactorily, tunneling being the order.

## French—Volcano.

Murphy, Gillick and Abeau are working the French mine. The tunnel is in about one hundred feet in cement gravel. Their old tunnel caved in and in order to get at the golden treasure of mother earth it was deemed necessary to make another tunnel. The proprietors of this claim are doing well.

## Mitchell—Volcano.

The Mitchell mine has been reopened. The confidence of the operators in this mine is shown by the late activity on it. Last week 103 tons of rock were taken out and crushed in the Reward mill. The returns from this rock went far beyond the expectations of those interested and it has added much to the importance of the Volcano mining district.

## Gritton—Volcano.

The Gritton mine, owned by Gritton and Keffler, is fast becoming a "big thing." The main tunnel, which is run in free washing gravel, is in about 1000 feet and will be driven farther. Last week George Gritton and J. A. Keffler made over one hundred dollars on this property. Another tunnel run in cement gravel is in about 500 feet with excellent prospects of great results. Two men are at work in this tunnel. Nearly all of the tunnels in the Volcano mining district are leading to the old channel.

## Peck Property—Volcano.

P. N. Peck, one of Volcano's oldest residents, has a forty-acre tract of gravel mining property at China Hill Gulch, adjoining the Crocker & Casey mine on the north. Mr. Peck informed a LEDGER representative this week that the property was rich, but owing to the scarcity of water, it has been impossible to work it. He has built a reservoir near by which is supplied from a spring, but even that is insufficient. Crocker & Casey have promised to convey the water they use over Mr. Peck's property and thus give him a much needed factor in his mining facilities.

## Peerless—Jackson.

At the Peerless mine sinking is the order and the shaft is now down 140 feet. The good prospects continue.

## South Eureka—Sutter Creek.

Wednesday afternoon the mill at the South Eureka mine, which, since the destruction of the Standard Electric Company's power-plant on the Mokelumne river from which the mill received its power, has been idle, was started by water power. The hoisting machinery is being operated with steam.

## Freemont Consolidated—Amador.

At the Freemont mine the three-compartment shaft is being sunk, and is now down 200 feet. In a short time the old Gover shaft will be reopened and worked. The rock is filled with a high grade sulphurates.

## Keystone—Amador.

At the Keystone mine in Amador City everything works smoothly and satisfactorily. It is understood that the rich ledge that was struck some time ago is being worked a little at a time and mixed with the low grade rock before being milled.

## Bunker Hill—Amador.

The Bunker Hill mine is still a center of interest to local mining parties and all who are connected therewith are confident of good returns from this "old-timer." Superintendent Downs installed a large steam pump last week weighing about thirty tons. The shaft will soon be unwatered and after the most dangerous places are made safe and the workings put in good condition, prospecting will begin. Without doubt good prospects will be found and within a year the Bunker Hill property will have a large mill which will be furnished with as high grade rock as can be found in any of our Mother Lode gold producers. Success to the undertaking.

## Amador Queen, No. 2—Jackson.

Superintendent John R. Phillips of the Amador Queen mine, No. 2, is well pleased with the present prospects. The shaft is being sunk from twelve to fifteen feet a week with four men on a shaft. The shaft is now down 1100 feet. Over fifty feet has been sunk by the contractors, who will sink nearly 130 feet more, the contract being let for 180 feet. After this is sunk it is not definitely known what will be the order.

## CALAVERAS COUNTY.

Prospect: Last Sunday as W. A.

Koch of the Rose Hill placer mine, near El Dorado, was standing near the tail race of the mine, his attention was attracted to a peculiar piece of rock being washed down the race. He made a grab for the rock, and was rather surprised at his find. The piece proved to be almost entirely gold, and was found to weigh five ounces, of which at least three ounces are believed to be gold. The man was lucky to see it as he did for in another moment it would have been hopelessly buried in the debris.

Hon. Frank E. Dunlap, of Stockton, president of the Orilo Mining Company, has been in Angels for the past week, making arrangements for the extensive working of the mine. A ten-stamp mill has been ordered and will be put up at once, and the main shaft will be sunk fifty feet further, making 500 feet in all. There is now on the mine a gallowa frame with all the necessary machinery for sinking 1000 feet.

The St. Lawrence is still pumping water, and will have the mine clear in a short time. By the time the water is out the mill will be ready for operation and work of taking out ore will be vigorously pushed.

At the Jones mine they are taking out good rock that will pay well for crushing. The outlook for this mine is most encouraging.

Citizen: H. F. Whirlow, superintendent of the Lightner mine, at Angels, was in town in the early part of this week. He reports the Lightner, which is largely owned by enterprising Stocktonians, is doing splendidly. The forty stamps of the new mill are banging away day and night on rock that averages at least \$8 a ton, and the future of the property never looked more hopeful.

The Ford assessment has been extended to the 20th instant. It is understood that this is done to accommodate Mr. Gutmann, and local holders are somewhat worried over the matter. The company has paid off the \$2000 second mortgage which was held by James Casey made June 14, 1899, by handing over to Mr. Casey \$2144 on the 4th instant. Work on the mine continues with the usual force.

## TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

Mother Lode Magnet: The incline shaft at the Jumper mine is now down nearly 1200 feet at which depth they will crosscut to cut the vein. The slopes in the mine are looking well and there are large ore reserves in sight. The mill is dropping sixty stamps constantly, fifty on Jumper and ten on Golden Lode ore. The ore from the latter, while not up to the standard, is of fair grade, the vein being twelve feet wide and the shoot 240 feet long.

Toney Ennis and Lee Bowen are steadily at work on the X-Ray mine in the neighborhood of the famous Densmore. A two and one-half-foot vein has been encountered at a depth of thirty-five feet which looks exceedingly well.

Ed. Hill is once more to be seen in our busy burg. He arrived here in company with Manager Terry of the California Marble Company and will run the Burleigh which has been recently installed at the quarry.

Independent: A rich strike has been made in the old Clio mine, near Jacksonville, in a drift at the 100-foot level of their new shaft. The vein is nearly six feet wide, showing free gold in considerable quantity.

At the Gladstone and Stanley mines in the Jacksonville vicinity, heavy rich gold is being found which promises to develop in something important.

Preparations are being made for sinking a new incline at the Over mine on Bald mountain. Said shaft will be started from the surface and will tap the main and other shoots at a sufficient depth to work the property in "apple pie" order. The gasoline engine heretofore used in the tunnel will be placed in position to operate the hoist. This mine has been a good producer and holds out every indication to continue as such.

Mother Lode: The old mill at the Seminole mine is being overhauled and put in condition to commence dropping stamps. Superintendent Safely is pushing preparatory work on the mine and will soon be extracting ore.

The Fleming mine, near Coulterville, owned by J. H. Rogers, now of Carters, has been bonded to a strong company headed by James M. Meighan and A. P. Drown. Work will be commenced and crosscutted vigorously.

The machinery for the new mill at the Temescal mine at Sugar Pine is now at the depot here, and will be removed to the site as soon as possible. Superintendent J. W. Brown informs us that delay is caused by his inability to get his lumber, which is at Hatt Bros. yards.

Democratic Banner: It is rumored heretofore that the mill on the Jefferson mine, near Groveland, was started up a few days ago.

Sinking still continues at the Poison Oak, situated a short distance southwest of Carters, and the ore is reported as being of an extraordinary high value.

John L. Tonkins, superintendent of the Rising Sun, was in town Wednesday and reports development work as progressing satisfactorily at the mine. The mill will be in operation soon.

The report that the Croesus mine had resumed operations is, we regret very much to say, untrue. We have no knowledge as to when it will be started again, but will gladly inform the Banner readers when such occurs.

The Croesus is undoubtedly a good piece of property, and to obliterate the false impression, which seems to have been made by some nothing-else-to-do person, we here say that we were reliably informed that the suspension of work was entirely due to a disagreement among the bond-holders. We are satisfied the Croesus will hold a prominent place among the yellow metal producers some day.

## EL DORADO COUNTY.

Republican: It is reported that Lane & Hayward's miners, who have been prospecting the Ribbon Rock mine near Placerville, have struck ore in the ledge worth \$35.00 per ton.

## NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

## Foreman Noce Resigns From the Keystone.

## A FEW PERSONALS FROM GRAND VIEW

## Reagan Family Leave Canyon For Angels Camp—A Surprise Party.

## AMADOR CITY.

Andrew Noce Has Resigned the Foremanship at the Keystone Mine. AMADOR CITY, March 3, 1900.

Mr. Tregloan returned from the city Saturday evening, where he has been visiting his mother, who has been quite sick.

Mr. Healey and bride have returned from their honeymoon trip in the city. Nettie Bamber of Placerville, is the guest of Mrs. Alice Blamey.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell of Jackson, spent Sunday with relatives.

Miss Louise McLaughlin has returned to her home in the mountains after an extended visit with her aunt, Mrs. J. F. Allen.

Rev. A. J. Case and wife spent Friday with friends in Jackson.

Lewis Williams and friend of Vallejo, who has been visiting his brother in Jackson, visited friends in Amador Sunday.

Mr. Andrew Noce, who has been employed as foreman of the Keystone mine for some years past, resigned Tuesday. As yet it is not certain who will fill the vacancy.

Church services throughout the week as usual. Sunday morning theme "Emanuel God with Us."

At the evening service there will be commenced a series of special evangelistic services continuing every night, save Saturday until further notice. These services will be conducted by Rev. J. J. Smith, an evangelist, from the Michigan conference of the M. E. church, and M. W. Townner, a gospel singer. Good singing and good preaching will be the features of these meetings. The aim is to make them the best revival meetings ever held in Amador. An invitation is extended to all to attend.

I would state that the Rev. J. J. Smith is not the evangelist who visited Amador several years ago. "E. LOIS."

## GRAND VIEW NOTES.

A Good Time Is Anticipated at the Next Social Hop.

GRAND VIEW, March 12.—Henry Langford paid the city of Ione a visit last Saturday.

W. W. Plummer, the leading rancher at this place, was at the county seat one day last week.

Mrs. William Dufrene of Jackson was paying her respects to her friends at Copper Center and Sunset Valley last Saturday and Sunday.

Fred Horton and wife of Copper Center was at Jackson last week.

Mrs. Eva D. Horr was at Ione last Saturday circulating among her friends at that place.

Wm. Nichols, one of the leading ranchers and stockmen of upper Jackson Valley, was at Ione last Saturday.

Royal Nibbs was at Ione and Buena Vista one day last week.

The ladies in this vicinity have organized a sewing society known as the Busy Bees. Mrs. Emma Horton has the honor of being president of the society. Long life to the Busy Bees.

Miss Nellie Langford of Buena Vista was a visitor in Sunset Valley last Saturday and Sunday.

The crops in this vicinity are in a flourishing condition and the farmers and stockmen are happy.

Fred Yager of Ione was looking after his interests in this locality last week.

Mrs. Mofford of Sunset Valley was at Ione last Saturday and Sunday.

Joseph Vanderbilt of this place was at the county seat last week on a business trip.

A social dance took place in Sunset Valley last Friday evening and was voted a grand success by all who had the pleasure of attending.

Adrien Fridrich was at the county seat last week on business.

H. B. Horr has recovered from his recent illness and has resumed his work at Ione with Hammer & Yager.

Richard Russell, the mining man of this place, was at Ione last Saturday.

Last Saturday and Sunday were regular spring days at this place. They were simply delightful.

Jack Nash, who resides near the old Boston store, was in Lancha Plana last Sunday.

Roy Horr paid Ione a short visit last Sunday.

James Condon of Ione was at this place last week.

Colonel Price is laid up for a little while. He is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

I understand that another social dance is soon to take place here, but I have been warned to keep silent in regard to it or I am likely to get into trouble. So I shall say nothing about it until the proper time arrives for me to give the whole business away.

Several of our people paid the Camp Opra school a visit last Friday afternoon. They were well pleased with the manner in which Miss Yager conducts her school.

Joseph Vanberbilt and daughter were at Buena Vista last Sunday.

The water in Jackson creek was higher during the recent storm than it has been this winter.

J. Myers, who resides near Jackson, paid this place a short visit last Sunday morning.

At this writing the weather in the language of the poet is simply grand.

Lee Langford of Buena Vista was at this place last week visiting among his friends.

J. K. Price, formerly of Ione, has located at this place where he intends

to remain for some time.

Richard Barnett, who resides near this place, was at Ione last week.

George Ellis was on the streets of Buena Vista last Saturday.

Your correspondent paid Ione a short visit last Saturday.

CAROLINE.

## CANYON NEWS.

"Laura Theresa" Tells of Canyons' Busy Times This Week.

CANYON, March 13, 1900.

The hills look wonderfully refreshed in their bright green after the storm; the trees are white with blossoms, and have branches that are once more being clothed in green.

All who have a garden spot are putting in their gardens. The yard of F. W. Brindupkey is being beautified with new and extensive variety of flowers.

Miss Stella Cress of Sacramento, is employed as housekeeper of Mrs. Ed. White of the Vandallia.

Mr. Mike Kane of Angels, brother of E. F. and J. Kane, our superintendent and foreman, is visiting relatives here.

The family of Ed Reagan will leave for their future home at Angels, in a few days. Their friends wish that they meet with good success. Frank Reagan will accompany his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Galleher visited Diamond Sunday, on business.

Mr. Baughman and daughter, Mary, father and sister of Jake Baughman of Fort Yuma, are visiting friends in Palo Alto. Mr. and Mrs. Baughman and the Misses Baughman, will leave the first of April for their home in Iowa.

Mr. Brown of the mill, gave up his position, on account of ill health.

We are being visited by two butchers—one from Latrobe, and one from El Dorado, and they are keeping us well supplied with meat every day in the week.

A few days ago a surprise party was given Willie Green in honor of his birthday. A pleasant time was spent in blowing soap bubbles, and playing games. A delicious luncheon was served, and the children departed well pleased with their evening's pastime, and each carrying as a memento, a clay pipe.

Miss Pia Burnett, who has been employed for sometime at Mrs. Sawyer's, has returned to her home.

Mr. Louze of the livery stable, left for Ventura with his sister a few days ago, and a new driver has taken his place.

We are visited by an orange peddler once a week, who brings fresh oranges from Orangeville; also a peddler of vegetables fresh from Sacramento.

Miss Hattie Wilson of the Bay State, was a visitor to her sister, Mrs. Anson Davies, last week. LAURA THERESA.

## Returned From Alaska.

Nick Finnand, Robert Kerr, Richard Evans and Fred Dymann arrived in San Francisco on Tuesday, February 27th, on the boat Bertha. Finnand and Dymann left Amador City about a year ago for Alaska, Kerr about a year and a half ago, and Evans has been gone about two or three years. All but Evans, who lives at Black Hills, near Drytown, were residents of Amador City. They left Unga Island, where they had been working at the Apollo mine, under Superintendent Mayon, on February 17th. They state that the Apollo mine is gradually closing down, the company retaining only a few men. Fred Kerr, who went up from Amador City with his brother, Robert, about a year and a half ago, is expected to return in the fall. He is well liked by the controllers of the property and will probably be kept until the mine closes down entirely. The weather has been very mild this winter and no heavy clothing was needed. Alaska is very quiet at present.

The party arrived in Amador City, Tuesday, March 6th, and all are looking well.

## Peculiar Doings.

A complete change of employees is expected to take place at the Keystone mine at Amador City. Andrew Noce, who for seven years has been foreman, has been forced to tender his resignation.

Mr. Noce is well liked among all of the miners and the vacancy left by him will be hard to fill satisfactorily.

It is rumored that Attorney Edward Lynch, the Keystone Company's legal adviser, will soon be made superintendent of the mine and his son foreman.

Last Wednesday evening ten men arrived from Grass Valley and ten more were expected last night. This means something and as the men say they are to work at the Keystone, suggested that resident employees will be discharged. We are informed that a number of miners have already been let off.

Were Delightfully Entertained. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Parker entertained a number of friends at their home last Wednesday evening. Whist playing was the main feature of the evening. Four prizes were given.

Miss Dora McConnell won the ladies' first prize, and Mrs. John F. Davis, the booby prize. The gentlemen's prizes were won by Robt. I. Kerr and Frank A. Voorheis, the former getting the first, and the latter the booby prize.

## Tomorrow Night.

Tomorrow, Saturday, evening, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, "Queens Evidence" will be produced under the supervision of the Catholic church choir for the benefit of the church. The stage has been enlarged for the occasion. Special scenery has also been prepared. Don't miss the chance to see this melodrama ably produced.

## Married.

Mr. James Bodinnar of Amador City, and Mrs. Mitchell of Jackson were married at the residence of Thomas Lemm, son-in-law of the groom, in Jackson yesterday afternoon. Only a few relatives and intimate friends were present.

## Take Advantage of This.

With small capital anyone wishing a good investment, which will bring good interest, call on Mrs. E. B. Robertson, Jackson, Cal.

## HIS REMAINS WERE FOUND

## William Reedy Perished Near Oleta.

## THREE WEEKS OF WANDERING ENDS IN DEATH

## The Body Was In Good Condition.—The Ghastly Find Was Made By Arthur Starns.

The mysteries surrounding the sudden disappearance of William Reedy from the home of his son-in-law, Ernest Downing at Sutter Creek last month have been cleared away. The remains of the aged wanderer have been found.

William Reedy arrived at Sutter Creek from Pleasanton, on Saturday evening, February 17th, to visit the family of his son-in-law, Ernest Downing. He stayed over night and the following morning (Sunday) told his daughter he was going up to the Lincoln mine where her husband was at work. Hour after hour passed, but Reedy did not return, and when night came he was still absent. Search was begun immediately, but without avail.

On Monday morning, the 18th, a systematic search was begun. The old man was traced through Amador City to within a short distance of Oleta. Constable D. F. Gray was thorough in his search, but Reedy had a thirty-six hours' start and the tracking was difficult. At one time Gray was within a half a mile of him, the foot-prints being lost on a stretch of ground of a lava formation.

He was seen by a Chinaman between Volcano and Oleta, who gave a good description of the demented wanderer.

Last Sunday morning, upon receipt of a message that the body of the missing man had been discovered by Arthur Starns, near Oleta, Constable Gray and Undertaker E. Roberts of Sutter Creek, departed immediately for that place. The Coroner was notified and left Monday morning also.

Arthur Starns discovered the body Saturday afternoon at four o'clock about two miles above Oleta, and notified Constable Gray.

Upon the arrival of the authorities the body and its surroundings were minutely examined, after which the body was placed in a coffin brought for that purpose, and carried about a quarter of a mile to the nearest road and placed in a conveyance. Coroner Gritton then held an inquest, the Constable and undertaker having to serve on the jury in order that it might be complete. After a careful investigation it was found that William Reedy came to his death on or about the 20th day of February while wandering in the woods while partially insane. The Coroner's jury consisted of D. F. Gray, E. Roberts, James R. Vose, R. D. Jones, Joseph Pitt and D. Hutchinson.

Reedy was described as follows: Height, five feet and three inches; weight, 105 or 110 pounds; age, 73 years; complexion, sandy; chin whiskers two and one-half inches long, red and slightly mixed with gray. Deceased had on a suit of dark clothes, a white shirt, but no collar and wore a black derby hat, on the inside of which his name was written. In his pockets were found \$13.50 in coin, a pocket knife and an old style stem-winding watch.

The body was brought to Sutter Creek Sunday and was shipped from Ione to Pleasanton for interment, Tuesday, accompanied by his son-in-law, who came up Sunday night, and Ernest Downing.

The remains were in good condition, neither exposure nor animals injuring them. No bruises or wounds were found upon the body.

A reward of \$40 was offered for the recovery of the body by Ernest Downing, also \$100, the latter being sent to Arthur Starns Monday by Constable Gray.

Squire Breeze Passes Away. Squire Breeze passed away at his late residence in Sutter Creek at 2 o'clock on Saturday morning of last week, after more than three score years and ten of this life. He had been up all day Friday and retired about 8 o'clock that evening. In the morning about 2 o'clock he expired. Death is supposed to have resulted from feebleness brought on by old age.

Deceased was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, November 15, 1828. In 1855 he came to California, locating in El Dorado county, where he returned to New York for his wife and only son, Raymond Breeze. He returned with his family to El Dorado county in 1859 and remained there until 1862 when they removed to Sutter Creek, and resided there up to the time of his death.

Mrs. S. L. Breeze, five grand children and a daughter-in-law, all residing in Amador county, and also three brothers, residents of New York state, survive him.

Interment took place at Sutter Creek on Sunday.

## Was Defeated.

The voters of Amador City and Sutter Creek cast their ballots on the high school question last Saturday, and defeated the efforts of our county's educational promoters to establish a local high school with the following result: Sutter Creek, voted 58 for and 141 against; Amador City gave a majority of 11 against it.

## Dressmaking.

Summer is near and ladies and children are preparing for it. The neatest and most fashionable dresses, etc., are made at prices within the reach of all by MISS BOTTO AND MUGFORD, Mrs. Schwartz's residence, Broadway, Jackson.

## Remember That.

You can always get good fresh fish the whole year round at A. B. Caminetti's Central Market Main street, Jackson. 3-9-00

## LOCAL ITEMS.

Interesting Happenings Noted Since Our Last Issue.

Ione flour is Peerless.

A. Well of Amador City was in town yesterday.

Alfonso Ginocchio is in San Francisco this week.

If you want good bread, buy only Peerless flour. 3-16-1f

Mrs. S. B. Harvey is sojourning in San Francisco.

John Soudan was up from the Gwin mine yesterday.

M. Newman went to Sacramento Wednesday morning.

Max Ladar returned from San Francisco Monday evening.

The front of the Enterprise Livery Stable is being painted.

Clovis T. LaGrave of Sacramento was in town this week.

Don't forget the St. Patrick's entertainment to-morrow night.

Miss Hilda Clough has been afflicted with the mumps the past week.

Attorney O. S. Hopkins of Sacramento arrived the first of the week.

A. C. Adams registered from Cape Nome at the New National last Tuesday.



## LIMITS OF THE UNIVERSE

How the Remotest Stars Have Been Seen by Human Eye.

Those of us who have always clung to the belief that this planet of ours has its position in

An aerial universe of unlimited expansion, at which the soul is so often lost, is about to be startled by the announcement that the limits of the universe have been reached by human vision, says the Philadelphia Record. This astounding information comes from no less an authority than Professor Newcomb, who is recognized as one of the greatest of living astronomers, if indeed he is not the most eminent of them all. According to Professor Newcomb, evidence in accumulating which points to a probability of the small stars which our powerful most telescopes have brought into view do not look small by reason of their distance from this earth, but because they are really of inferior size. Beyond them he believes it probable that there are no others. In other words, if Professor Newcomb's theory be correct we are actually able to see the boundaries of our universe.

The general form of this universe has been described to us. It is an enormous disk, the solar system being near the center. This disk, it is inconceivably vast, has a diameter four or five times its thickness, but as to the length of the diameter we cannot speak with accuracy, because we are not acquainted with the precise distance of many of the stars. Fifty or a hundred years hence a great deal more will be known on that subject than we know today. It has been estimated, however, that the distance across the disk from one side of the universe to the other is 20,000 (or may be 30,000) "light" years. In this estimate there is naturally a wide margin of guess. A "light" year is the distance which a ray of light will traverse in one of our years. The speed of light being 186,000 miles a second, a "light" year is equivalent to 5,898,588,980,000 miles. The distance across the disk in question would therefore be this stupendous number of miles multiplied by 20,000 or by 30,000. Again, it takes a little over eight minutes for light to come to us from the sun, 93,000,000 miles away. The light by which we are able to see a very distant star through a telescope may have started from that star 25,000 years ago. Assuming that to be the case, it is 25,000 "light" years away from us.

With the naked eye we can see about 5,000 stars, with a very powerful telescope we can see about 50,000,000, and there is no telling how many millions more there are unobserved. The radius of the earth's orbit, a line 90,000,000 miles in length, not only vanishes from sight before we reach the distance of the great mass of stars, but from that distance becomes such a mere point that the most delicate appliances fail to make it measurable.

**Character of Thorite.**  
Brigadier General A. D. Buffington, chief of the ordnance department of the army, in his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30 speaks in terms of commendation of the new explosive, thorite. All the tests of thorite have not been made, but those that have been carried out, he says, were very satisfactory and were designed to show that the mixture could not be exploded by friction or by shock and impact. The last tests were made by mechanical means and by firings made from cannon of various calibers, some of the firings being against plates. In the experiments against plates the shells penetrating were recovered without material deterioration. Tests were also made to show the insensibility of this substance to heat and its strength as shown by the fragmentation tests of projectiles. General Buffington says that as regards stability but little can be said at present, but that a quantity of the mixture in storage for some time in an ordinary shed at the proving grounds, during which it absorbed considerable moisture, showed no deterioration. The subsequent drying of the substance indicated that its qualities when damp had not been impaired. In view of the results obtained in the tests of thorite the ordnance board, under whose supervision the tests have been made, reports that it is of the opinion that it is superior to any other material for adoption in service, at least pending the development of any better material for the purpose. It remains, however, to secure a good detonating fuse.

**Dates in Arizona.**  
While able to withstand considerable frost in winter the date palm must have a very dry and exceedingly hot climate at the time of the ripening of the dates. The sandiest and, generally speaking, the poorest soils produce the best dates. While it will yield in any soil it takes most kindly to otherwise almost worthless land, even that which is white with alkali suluting it. Still, an abundance of water is at certain periods of its maturing quite necessary. Arizona is thought to be a good field for late growing.

**Graduating Thermometers.**  
According to the usual practice, the graduations on the thermometer scales and levels are marked by scratching the surface of the glass in some way at each point where there is to be a graduation, says Popular Science. But the glass is weakened in each of these points and is apt to break, which is dangerous in the case of boiler levels. It is evident that this could be avoided by softening slightly the surface of the glass at the desired points and mixing some coloring matter with it. An American firm asserts that it has obtained this result under the best conditions by passing over the tube where a graduation is to be marked an iron disk turning at the rate of 2,400 revolutions a minute. The friction causes a rise of temperature sufficient partly to melt the glass, and at the same time small particles of iron are detached from the wheel and become incorporated in the softened glass.

**Why He Hurried.**  
"Young man," said the old gentleman, "my daughter is too young to marry. A girl of her age cannot be sure of her own mind in a matter of such importance."  
"I fully realize that," replied the young man, who had just secured the fair one's consent. "That's why I don't want to wait."—Chicago Post.

Silence is the safest response for all the contradiction that arises from impertinence, vulgarity or enay.

The vineyards of Italy cover nearly 8,000,000 acres.

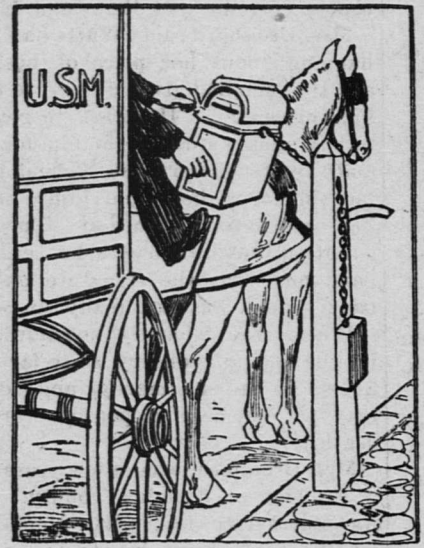
## DANGERS OF KISSING.

Dentists Show Why the Habit Should Be Abandoned.

"Decay of the teeth, or, as we call it, caries of the teeth," says a dentist, "is due to the presence of bacteria. Bacteria can be conveyed from mouth to mouth by kissing. Therefore no matter how fine a set of teeth you have, if you kiss a person who has decayed teeth you will soon need my services. A young woman whom I know and who by inheritance possessed a marvellously perfect set of teeth, was robust and of extremely cleanly habits used to come to me and have her teeth cleaned when only the closest scrutiny could detect the stains which she wished removed. Up to the age of 19 she never needed a filling. About that time she brought to my office a young man whom she introduced as her fiancé. He wished my professional services, and I gave to him an appointment. An examination disclosed a filthy mouth. It was necessary to use corrective agents before I could tolerate him. Had it not been that he was engaged to marry a girl whom I knew to be ideally hygienic, I should not have given to the cleansing of his teeth the amount of attention which I did, because I recognized in him a man careless of his teeth and breath, who would be unappreciative of my efforts. It required three sittings to get his teeth into a semblance of cleanliness, and then he refused to have the gaping carious cavities filled. I remonstrated. I spoke of the perfect teeth of his intended. He laughed carelessly and asked what difference it made to her. I explained. I could do no more. They were married, and before a year elapsed I was obliged to insert seven or eight fillings in her teeth. She now has a full set of artificial teeth."

I knew a young man who had his teeth ruined by keeping company with a girl who had unclean teeth. She was good looking, but he did not marry her—something prevented. His teeth have not decayed since."

**Up to Date Mail Collection.**  
Patents relating to improvements in postal facilities are one of the most prolific classes. These relate to im-



MOUNTED MAIL COLLECTOR AT WORK.

provements in the mail boxes and mail pouches, proposed methods of picking up and delivering mail from flying railroad trains, etc. Andrew L. Henry of Ladoga, Ind., has hit upon a startlingly novel arrangement in this already overworked field, but like many of such inventions, it is probably impractical. It is a system of receiving and delivering mail for use in towns in conjunction with horse and wagon collections and is designed to enable the postman to make his rounds accomplished by attaching the mail boxes to their supports with a yielding fastening of some kind, such as a chain and weight. The box is shown in the illustration attached to a post by means of chains and is provided with a counterweight and a handle for greater convenience. The postman, it is supposed, drives up, reaches out his hand, grasps the handle and lifts the mail box into the wagon, where its contents are removed. It is then locked and gently lowered into its original position on the post.

**The Life of Timber.**  
Oak piling in salt water sometimes lasts no longer than nine years, but it has been known to survive 40 years. In fresh water its life ranges from 8 to 30 years, with an average of 20. In dry land oak lasts from 8 to 20 years, with an average of 12 years. Cedar is good for 20 and chestnut from 12 to 40 years. One may ask why it is there is such a difference. One answer is the mineral ingredients of the soil affect the timber. In bridge timbers which are kept free from dirt accumulations oak has been known to last as long as 50 years. Yellow pine, if unprotected, runs all the way from 8 to 20 years, white pine from 8 to 18 years, Norway from 8 to 10 years, spruce from 5 to 10 years, fir from 10 to 20 years. Vertical timbers are found to last nearly twice as long as horizontal timbers.

**How to Make Hair Grow.**  
Balzer in the Semaine Medicale recommends lactic acid as a remedy for baldness. The bald part is to be rubbed with a 20 per cent solution of lactic acid until the skin becomes inflamed. Then the treatment is suspended for a few days, to be resumed when the inflammation has subsided. Balzer claims that he has often observed a new growth of hair in the course of three weeks.

**Patent Medicines in Mexico.**  
Mexico may be behind in some things, but she has some unique laws relating to patent medicines. Dr. Walker Ellis says that in Mexico if a baldheaded man buys a bottle of hair oil on which there is a label stating that the preparation will restore hair on a bald head, if it fails to accomplish the job he can have the seller arrested and thrown into jail.

**How Shrapnel Operates.**  
Shrapnel shell is a beautiful and ingenious invention. It consists of a hollow, elongated shell, with a bursting cap at the base and a fuse at the tip, with from 200 to 600 half inch bullets, according to the size of the gun. It is fitted with a time fuse, which is "set" to fire the bursting charge at a given number of seconds after the shell has left the gun. The bursting charge in turn blows the head off the shell and sends forward the 200 to 600 bullets, which continue their course in a conical shower on to the ground.

**Not a Violent Case.**  
Mrs. Peck—Henry, what would you do if I were to die suddenly?  
Henry—Pray, don't talk of such a thing. I think it would almost drive me crazy.

Mrs. Peck—Do you think you would marry again?  
Henry—Oh, no! I don't think I would be as crazy as that.—Chicago News.

## Sothern's Recitation.

Sir Edward Russell knew E. A. Sothern, the actor, intimately and in his book "That Reminds Me," tells many stories of him.

He was dining at Portsmouth or somewhere at a regimental mess to which the officers had asked him with every show of the highest admiration and with no appearance of social superiority. After dinner, as the party sat at wine, one of the officers asked Sothern to give them a recitation. Now, Sothern abominated that kind of thing. He wouldn't tolerate being treated by an entertainer when he was by way of being treated as a gentleman. He coldly declined. They pressed him. He hotly declined. Still they pressed him. He expressed his feelings. Perhaps the officers were a little affected by wine. At all events they persisted. They would take no denial.

At last he said in a manner which showed that he was nettled, but yet yielding: "Well, if you won't let me off I must. I'll give you a dinner scene from 'David Garrick.'"

He did. He had never acted it better. They were delighted until, springing to his feet, he made his wild, tipsy exit, just as he did on the stage, and dragged the cloth off the table and with it all the regiment's prized desecrated china and decanters and glasses, etc. Great was the smash. The actor did not wait to be applauded or to prove the occasion. The lesson was, indeed, a rough one, and probably only a man with some roughness in his daring humor would have given it, but it was quite deserved.

**How Hard Bees Work.**  
Darwin after close observation found that a bee would visit as many as 27 flowers in the course of a minute, though with other plants in which the honey was difficult to extract the average would be as low as seven. Striking a mean between these two figures, one may say that an ordinary working bee visits 15 flowers a minute, or 900 an hour. Considering the late hours to which a bee works, it is probably no exaggeration to say that it is busy for eight hours a day, allowing for intervals of rest. This would make it visit 7,200 flowers a day, or 648,000 in a period of six months.

Mr. A. S. Wilson in a recent paper showed the enormous amount of labor gone through by bees in making even a small quantity of honey. He found that approximately 125 heads of red clover yield 15 grains of sugar, or 125,000 heads about two pounds. As each head contains some 60 florets, it follows that 7,500,000 distinct florets must be sucked in order to obtain two pounds of sugar. Now, honey contains, roughly speaking, 75 per cent of sugar; therefore the bees must make, in round numbers, 2,500,000 visits for one pound of honey.

**Question is Unanswered.**  
A certain grocer on the hill has for some days been looking for the owner of a voice that claimed his attention at the telephone one busy morning. When he finds the man, the meeting will furnish material for an interesting item, and the following dialogue explains it self:

The Voice—Hello, there! Is that you, Charles?  
Grocer—Yes.  
The Voice—Have you any salt fish?  
Grocer—Yes.  
The Voice—Is it fresh?  
Grocer—Yes; came in this morning.  
The Voice—Cod or pollock?  
Grocer—Got both. Which do you want?  
The Voice—Well, I don't know. Is the pollock good and dry?  
Grocer—Yes.  
The Voice—Well, why don't you give it a drink, then?

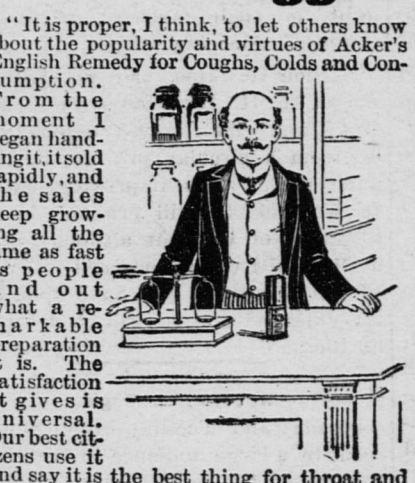
At this point the grocer brought the colloquy to a sudden termination with a remark that would be out of place in polite society and therefore unfit for publication.—Portland (Or.) Argus.

**Mice as Food in China.**  
The first thing which strikes the traveler in China upon his entrance into any of the more cities of the Celestial empire is the strings of dried mice which hang from the roofs of the houses suspended by their tails, just as sausages are hung in front of butcher shops in France.

The Chinese hunt these mice with a long, sharp pointed knife, which they plunge into the animals' throats. Then the mice are suspended by the tails until the blood has dripped out, when they are skinned, drawn and smoked. Another favorite dish with the Chinese is dogs' feet. The feet of black dogs are considered more of a delicacy than those of any other color, and white dogs are rejected as being tasteless. Dogs' fat, prepared in a special manner, is looked upon as a repast fit for a king.

**The Boston Boy's Diversions.**  
"Emerson," said Mrs. Beaconstreet, "how did you comport yourself in the thoroughfare this morning with your new neighbors?"  
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